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And Data Processing

Method

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to initiating prosecution of the above-captioned patent application, please amend the application as follows: IN THE TITLE:

Delete the title and insert therefor the following new title:

--DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PREVENTING UNAUTHORIZED COPYING --.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, line 1, delete "DESCRIPTION".

On page 1, line 3, delete "Technical Field" and insert therefor -- Field of the Invention --.

1, line 4, delete "apparatus" and insert On page therefor --system and method--.

On page 1, line 5, delete "and data processing method, and suitably".

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